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(2) The General Counsel certifies payments relating to tort claims and claims under 39 U.S.C. 2603.

(3) The Senior Assistant Postmaster General, Finance, certifies all payments not covered by paragraphs (a) (1) and (2) of this section.

(b) *Redelegation.* The officials named in paragraph (a) of this section are authorized to redelegate their authority to designate certifying officers. The redelegation shall be made by letter to the appropriate Postal Data Center disbursing officer and must bear the specimen signature of the person to whom the authority is redelegated.

(c) *Designating certifying officers—(1) Inspection Service and Law Department.* Officials authorized to designate certifying officers (see paragraph (a) of this section) will complete SF 210, Signature/Designation Card for Certifying Officer, in duplicate for each Postal Data Center officer affected to show:

(i) Name of department for which vouchers will be certified.

(ii) Signature of certifying officer written exactly as vouchers will be signed.

(iii) Class of vouchers to be certified.

(iv) The official's signature and effective date.

(2) *Other departments and offices.* Other departments and offices requiring certifying officers will complete SF 210 in duplicate as prescribed in paragraph (c)(1) of this section, except for signature and date. Both copies will be sent to the Senior Assistant Postmaster General, Finance.

(3) *Submitting SF 210 to Postal Data Center disbursing officers.* The Chief Postal Inspector, the General Counsel, and the Senior Assistant Postmaster General, Finance, or their designees shall send signed originals of SF 210 to each of the disbursing officers affected and retain duplicates. These documents will be the official designations of the employees named on the SF 210 as certifying officers.

(d) *Maintaining designations.* Each group, department and office must keep current its designation of authorized certifying officers. When new or additional designations are made, the procedures for designating certifying

officers contained in this section shall be followed.

[38 FR 20404, July 31, 1973, as amended at 43 FR 29117, July 6, 1978; 51 FR 40798, Nov. 10, 1986; 54 FR 29707, July 14, 1989]

§ 222.8 Authority to designate certifying officers—field.

(a) *Delegation.* The following are authorized to designate certifying officers in Postal Data Centers and Inspection Service regions and divisions:

(1) The Chief Postal Inspector, for obligations of the Inspection Service.

(2) Postal Data Center Directors for obligations of all other regional functions.

(3) The New York Postal Data Center Director for obligations for Headquarters functions except those under § 222.7(a) (1) and (2) and those certified by the Senior Assistant Postmaster General, Finance, or designee.

(b) *Redelegation.* The officials named in paragraph (a) of this section are authorized to redelegate their authority to designate certifying officers. Redelegations shall be by letter to each disbursing officer affected, with the specimen signature of the person to whom authority is redelegated.

(c) *Designating certifying officers—(1) Regional Chief Postal Inspectors and Postal Inspectors-in-Charge.* Regional Chief Postal Inspectors and Postal Inspectors-in-Charge are designated certifying officers, as limited by the Chief Postal Inspector. They are authorized to designate certifying officers for obligations incurred by the Postal Inspection Service. They will complete SF 210 in duplicate to show:

(i) Postal Inspection Service region or division for which vouchers will be certified.

(ii) Signature of certifying officer written in the same manner that he will sign vouchers.

(iii) Class of vouchers to be certified.

(iv) Signature of the designating official and effective date. Regional Chief Postal Inspectors and Postal Inspectors-in-Charge are not authorized to redelegate their authority to designate authorized certifying officers.

(2) *Postal Data Center Directors.* Officers under direction of Postal Data Center Directors will complete SF 210 in duplicate as in paragraph (c)(1) of

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this section except for signature and date. Both copies will be sent to the appropriate Postal Data Center Director for completion.

(3) *Submitting SF 210 to disbursing officer.* The Regional Chief Postal Inspector, Postal Inspectors-in-Charge, and Postal Data Center Director (or designees) will send the originals of SF 210 to each disbursing officer affected and keep the duplicates. These will be the official designations of the employees named on the SF 210 as certifying officers.

(d) *Maintaining designations.* Each office under jurisdiction of the officials named in §222.8 must keep current its designation of authorized certifying officers. When new additional designations are made, this §222.8 shall be followed.

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§ 222.9 Delegation of authority to the Senior Assistant Postmaster General, Finance.

(a) *Delegation.* The Senior Assistant Postmaster General, Finance, may take final action on:

- (1) Claims for overpayment of pay.
- (2) Relief of accountable officers of liability for loss.
- (3) Relief of accountable officers of liability for illegal, improper, or incorrect payments.
- (4) Certifying officers' accountability.
- (5) Deposit to and withdrawal from Postal Service fund.
- (6) Collection of debts due the Postal Service with the exception of those falling under the jurisdiction of the Chief Postal Inspector.
- (7) Adjustment of claims of postmasters and Armed Forces postal clerks, including the loss of funds or valuable papers from their official custody resulting from burglary, fire, or unavoidable casualty, with concurrence by the General Counsel is cases involving doubtful questions of law or fact.

(b) *Redelegation.* The Senior Assistant Postmaster General, Finance, is authorized to redelegate all or part of the authority vested by paragraph (a) of

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this section to such other officers or executives as deemed appropriate.

[38 FR 20404, July 31, 1973, as amended at 43 FR 29117, July 6, 1978; 51 FR 40798, Nov. 10, 1986; 54 FR 29707, July 14, 1989]

§ 222.10 Delegation of authority to the APMG, International Postal Affairs Department.

The APMG, International Postal Affairs Department, is authorized to sign Express Mail agreements with foreign postal administrations, and to sign technical agreements for the exchange of postal personnel and property with foreign postal administrations.

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PART 223—RELATIONSHIPS AND CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION

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223.1 Relationships.

223.2 Channels of communication.

AUTHORITY: 39 U.S.C. 203, 204, 401(2), 402, 403, 404.

§ 223.1 Relationships.

(a) *Between Headquarters and Regions.* Each Headquarters group, department, and office shall provide guidance and policy interpretation to regional officials in its area of responsibility.

(b) *Between Postal Region Offices and Field Divisions.* The Regional Postmaster General shall provide guidance and direction to the respective field division general managers/postmasters within the region with the assistance of Regional Directors and their staffs in their areas of specialization.

(c) *Between Field Divisions and MSCs.* Field division general managers/postmasters and staffs shall provide guidance and direction to their respective MSC managers/postmasters.

(d) *Between Field Divisions and Bulk Mail Centers.* Field division general managers/postmasters and staffs shall provide guidance and direction to their Bulk Mail Center Managers.

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